

**MADISON COUNTY LEPC
(Local Emergency Planning Committee)
Meeting minutes: April 20, 2006**

In Attendance:

Jill Steeley, Mad Co. Public Health
Steve Orr, MCSO/VCVFD
Joe Husar, Harrison QRU
Lewis Stahl, HVFD
Shawn Christensen, MVRFD, Chief
Scott McClintic, MVRFD
Julie Dewey, MCGO
Frank Ford, Mad Co Emerg. Mgt.
David Schenk, MCSO
Doris Fischer, MC Planning
Darrell Schulte, Private Citizen

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEPC WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 P.M.,
BY CHAIRMAN LEWIS STAHL

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 18, 2006 MEETING.

JOE HUSAR ASKED TO AMEND PREVIOUS MINUTES TO INCLUDE ED
ARMSTRONG TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AT THAT MEETING. THIS WAS
NOTED AND HIS NAME WILL BE ADDED TO THE ATTENDANCE LIST.

FRANK FORD MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE MINUTES AS INDICATED,
MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JOE HUSAR AND ALL MEMBERS PRESENT
VOTED AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS AND OLD BUSINESS

Director of Emergency Management Report

Chairman Stahl called for the first item on the agenda, the emergency management report.

Frank Ford indicated the report had been distributed electronically and there were also copies on the table.

Jill Steeley asked about the AFG grant. Frank indicated it had been submitted for \$443,450.00 and would be used to fund replacement and upgrades to all portable, mobile and station radios and pagers for the county's six fire departments, QRU's and both ambulance services. Jill indicated she was glad the ambulances had been allowed to be included. There was no further discussion.

Evacuation Plan

Jill Steeley reported the Evacuation Plan had been presented. Many people, representing different organizations and interests had been asked to review it. They all had favorable reviews. Frank Ford mentioned the importance of having main organizations such as schools and hospitals backing it up. Jill agreed that was important. The report needs approval by the LEPC.

Steve Orr made a motion to approve the Evacuation Plan. Joe Husar seconded the motion and all members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Joe Husar recommended it be presented to the County Commissioners.

It was agreed that Frank Ford would present it to the County Commissioners for their final approval and then it will be mailed out to the towns.

Citizens Corps Council (CCC)

Frank Ford was reporting for Melinda Tichenor. Frank reported that the CERT training in Alder had been very successful. They are planning for another one sometime in September. The people that have trained in CERT training have asked for additional training.

It was reported that a local individual certified in ICS training had agreed to do additional training. This will be developed further.

Frank reported the CCC had received their FY05 funding and an augmentation to their FY04 funding. The submitted proposal had been successful and had actually yielded additional funds.

Jill Steely asked if information on the CCC could be provided to Beaverhead County. She recently spoke to an individual who was very interested and would like to start a program. Frank gave her suggestions on contact people that would be useful for Beaverhead County.

Communications

Dave Schenk reported. He indicated all the radios procured with FY04 HSGP money had been received. The 2500's are working well. He asked if there was a possibility of additional training on their use. Further information is needed. Steve Orr also indicated a need for further instruction, especially on the mobiles. Frank agreed to pursue getting more operator training or information.

Frank talked about the installation of the 3 new repeaters. He indicated they are moving ahead with them. Yellowstone Club had offered sites as has Moonlight Basin. Frank is scheduled to go up and take a look at a Lone Peak site. One repeater is targeted for Reynolds Pass and one near the far west of the county at Table Mountain. It was agreed that locations will continue to be discussed. Doris Fischer asked if any of the towers would be over 100 feet. Frank indicated there would not.

Wildland/Urban Interface Program

Joe Husar reported on Risk Mitigation.

He had completed a very preliminary review of two proposed developments with the Harrison Fire Chief. He is beginning to gear up for this position. He has received a lot of information and will begin to study and review.

NIMS Compliance

County Must Be In Compliance by September 30, 2006

NIMS COMPLIANCE REVIEW BEGAN

Frank distributed a CHECK-OFF sheet listing the compliance requirements. The committee agreed to assess how the County stood on each of the requirements and to make recommendations to the Commissioners on the status of the Counties compliance.

Community Adoption

MET

Command & Management

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Preparedness: Planning

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Preparedness: Training

Additional training will be developed to bring all members into compliance. All members must be certified. IS700 test can be done on line at fema.gov; however, ICS 200 will probably require scheduling of classes for some people that have problems doing classes online.

The deficiency seems to be equal across all departments in the county. All groups will be offered and given opportunity and the help as needed to meet certification.

A schedule of formal training needs to be developed. The Department of Emergency Management should coordinate & administer with LEPC input.

Preparedness: Exercises

MET – Current Basics

*As basic NIMS/ICS training becomes more widespread, more advanced exercises are required.

Resource Management

MET

Any new equipment/inventory will meet standards and all used or existing equipment will be utilized as is, using to the best of our understanding what the standards are. It was noted that DHS has not promulgated a definite listing of equipment standards yet.

Communication & Information Management

IN – PROGRESS

Sheriff/ group discussed the use of 10 codes in non-emergency and emergency situations.

The Sheriff's office is developing and updating policy to reflect this requirement.

It was agreed that Frank Ford will do a summary of this review and present it for approval and final review.

New Business

Jill Steely reported on a Meth Presentation to be held in Harrison on May 3, 2006 @ 6:30 p.m. Posters and invitations will be out soon.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the LEPC will be in Virginia City, Montana at the Courthouse on May 18th, @ 7:00 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Stahl adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Julie Dewey, Secretary, L.E.P.C.